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JP8-70564 discloses a rotational frequency detection mechanism is provided in the control circuit of a brushless motor, and when the rotational speed of the motor conforms to the rated frequency, a PLL synchronizing signal is outputted from the side of a control circuit. A user can judge whether it is at the time of rated operation or the time of start operation, making use of this PLL synchronizing signal 5. An analog switch 6 consists of a contact 9 and a contact 6, and it switches the contacts a and b, depending upon whether it is a high-level signal at start or a low-level signal at stationary operation, and varies the output level of a Hall element between the time of start and the time of stationary operation. Hereby, the largest torque can be obtained at start, and the rated current is low at stationary operation, and this can be operated with low noise.

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